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Sir:

In the matter of the above entitled application, and in further response to the Office Action of September 28, 2001, applicants elect for further prosecution in this case the species of Figs. 1 and 2 in the event that no further claims are found to be allowable in this application. Claims 1, 2 to 4, 7, 8, 10-13, 15, 16 and 18-20 read on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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